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Investing in the Future: **Premix Extends Capacity with New 2,000-Ton Compression Molding Press**

North Kingsville, Ohio, USA – Renewable energy; lighter, more efficient vehicles; equipment that powers our nation's farms; and commercial and residential doors that resist rot and corrosion are among the growth industries that Ohio-based Premix, Inc., is prepared to serve now that its new, 2,000-ton compression molding press has arrived.

Premix, a global leader in the development, design, and manufacture of thermoset composite materials and custom-molded components, now has a complement of 49 presses, ranging from 100 to 2,000 tons. The Macrodyne 2,000-ton press, which specializes in molding large component parts with critical technical and dimensional requirements, represents a major investment in the future as Premix celebrates its 50th year.

“Continuously investing in our production capabilities is a major commitment at Premix,” said Tom Meola, president and chief operating officer, “And this 2,000-ton, fast-acting, compression press provides our new and longtime customers with expanded capability.”

The Macrodyne 2,000-ton press is a hydraulic, down-stroking press with a monolithic frame designed for compression molding of Sheet Molding Compound (SMC). The press can handle molds that are 120 by 96 inches, making it ideally suited to home and garage doors; components for wind turbines; housings for solar panels and solar dishes; larger chassis for the automotive, agricultural and recreational products; and other high-volume, cost-competitive parts with high tolerance requirements.

The press is equipped with compression control features, including programmable pressure and stripping tonnage settings, pressing speed settings, position control and monitoring of the moving platen. Auxiliary valve functions are designed for a maximum of five individual hydraulic functions.

“These are challenging times, but Premix remains focused on the future,” said Meola. “After 50 years, our company is emerging stronger and better positioned than ever, both in terms of our financial strength, technical offerings and manufacturing capabilities.”

Premix serves diverse global markets, focusing on the construction, renewable energy, transportation, aircraft, electrical and HVAC industries.

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